

Funds for National Highways Development Programme

†1355. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that hardships are being faced in mobilising funds for the National Highways Development Programme;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts contemplated for mobilising the required funds for this Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The funds for National Highways Development Project are being mobilised from cess funds, external assistance, market borrowings, and private financing.

Setting up of statutory bodies

1356. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have sponsored setting up of statutory bodies/institutions under its aegis to give adequate encouragement to rural and agro-based industries;
- (b) if so, how many such bodies/institutions have been set up, mentioning location thereof;
- (c) whether any such body/institution has been proposed in Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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